

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 2, 2006**

PRESENT:	LouAnn Christensen	Mayor
	Jon Adams	Councilmember
	Holly Bell	Councilmember
	Alden Farr	Councilmember
	Steve Hill	Councilmember
	Reese Jensen	Councilmember
ALSO PRESENT:	Bruce Leonard	City Administrator
	Ben Boyce	Director of Leisure Services
	Alan Wright	Director of Public Power
	Mark Tuescher	Community Development
	Paul Tittensor	Police Chief
	Jim Buchanan	Director of Emergency Services
	Paul Larsen	Director of Economic Development
	Dennis Sheffield	Director of Finance
	Larry Douglass	Museum Director
	Nancy Jo Green	Senior Center Director
	Diane Reichard	City Treasurer
	Don Tingey	Human Resource Manager
	Paul Tittensor	Police Chief
	Ryan Abraham	Cemetery
	Pete Young	Cemetery
	Sharon Brailsford	Administrative Assistant
	Jay Anderson	Pool Manager
	Lynn Raymond	Assistant Pool Manager
	Michael Nelson	Police
	Jared Johnson	Building Official
	Mark Tuescher	Community Development Superintendent
	Sue Hill	Library
	Raymond Poulsen	Waste Treatment

7:00 - COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Christensen called the meeting to order. Councilmember Bell gave a prayer as part of the reverence period. The pledge of allegiance was recited by the audience, led by Mayor Christensen.

OATH OF OFFICE

Ben Boyce, Leisure Services Director; Jim Buchanan, Emergency Services Director; Larry Douglass, Museum Gallery Director; Nancy Jo Green, Senior Center Director; Paul Larsen, Economic Development Director; Bruce Leonard, City Administrator; Diane Reichard, City Treasurer; Dennis Sheffield, Director of Finance; Don Tingey, Human Resource Manager; Paul Tittensor, Police Chief; and Alan Wright, Public Power Director were all called forward and gave the oath of office. Each of the Directors are to go to the Mayor's office to sign their oath of office.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT

1. Approval of Updated Version of Chapter 8 Employee Development of the Employee Policy and Procedure Manual - Don Tingey (moved to #7 under New Business)
2. Approval of 2005 Performance Pay Allocation - Don Tingey (moved to Executive Session)
3. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of up to \$6,000,000.00 Aggregate Principal Amount of Water, Sewer, Storm Water, and Electric Revenue Bonds of the City; Fixing Certain Maximum Terms for the Bonds; and Providing for Related Matters - Requesting Council Approval - Dennis Sheffield
4. Request to Write-off Accounts Due to Resident Taking Out Bankruptcy or Being Sent to Collection

SCHEDULED DELEGATION

1. Introduction of Brigham City Hospital new CEO, Mark Adams - Bob Marabella, Hospital Board Member

NEW BUSINESS

1. Swimming Pool Annual Report - Jay Anderson
2. Supplement #1 to UDOT's Main Street Agreement - Bruce Leonard
3. Report/Recommendations of the Orangeburg Pipe Committee - Bruce Leonard
4. Presentation to City Council on the Status the City Geographic Information System

5. Request Approval to Start Remodeling of Mayor's Office Reception Area and the City Administrator's Office - Mayor Christensen
6. Approval of a Resolution of the Brigham City Council Expressing Strong Opposition to Senate Bill 170, Land Use Amendments, and Requesting That our Senators & Representatives Vote Against this Bill

OTHER BUSINESS

None

CLAIMS

Payment Register - Councilmember Bell

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Property Acquisition

Councilmember Adams made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Marabella, 901 North Main, came forward and stated his thoughts on the reorganization of the City. He feels that there are expenses that come with the changes that he feels have not been brought out. He stated that the City Council and Mayor should publish to the citizens how we will fund the new position in 2006 and beyond. He also spoke about moving property from the City to the RDA. He went into explaining what the RDA is and how it works. He asks that all citizens be treated equally and not ever consider deal making under the RDA. He recommended an ordinance that requires a public hearing on any property which may be moved from the City to the RDA.

Mayor Christensen stated that the comments would be taken under consideration. Bruce Leonard was appointed to get back to Bob.

There were no other comments.

STATE OF THE CITY

Mayor Christensen gave the State of the City address. (*See verbatim minutes of the address following these minutes*).

CONSENT

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of up to \$6,000,000.00 Aggregate Principal Amount of Water, Sewer, Storm Water, and Electric Revenue Bonds of the City; Fixing Certain Maximum Terms for the Bonds; and Providing for Related Matters - Requesting Council Approval - Dennis Sheffield

Request to Write-off Accounts Due to Resident Taking Out Bankruptcy or Being Sent to Collection

MOTION: A motion to approve the amended Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Jensen and unanimously carried.

SCHEDULED DELEGATION

Introduction of Brigham City Hospital new CEO, Mark Adams

Bob Marabella stated that it was his pleasure to introduce this evening the new CEO of Ogden Regional Medical Center and Brigham City Community Hospital, Mark Adams. He pointed out that Mr. Adams was raised in Perry. Mark Adams said that he was glad to be back in the area.

NEW BUSINESS

Swimming Pool Annual Report

Jay Anderson and Lynn Raymond gave the annual report for the Brigham City Swimming Pool. He stated that with the opening of pools in other communities, Brigham City Pool is really becoming a Community Swimming Pool and not a northern Utah water park.

The pool is looking at developing a marketing plan and targeting the teenage population to further bring their expenses and revenue in line.

Supplemental #1 to UDOT's Main Street Agreement

Bruce Leonard indicated that it is necessary to install an additional storm drainage system on 100 South from Main Street to 100 West. UDOT has committed to the City to contribute \$100,000.00 to the north outfall section of the storm drain. There will be an additional expense of \$19,900.00.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Jensen to approve the Supplement #1 to UDOT's Main Street Agreement. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Adams. Motion passed unanimously.

Report/Recommendations of the Orangeburg Pipe Committee

Bruce Leonard invited Patty Ellis and Raymond Poulsen to come up and assist with the presentation. Patty Ellis actually put forth the report. The Committee, through Ms. Ellis, made recommendations to the Council regarding the name of the program, and how the system and assistance would work.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve and move forward with the concept. The Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Presentation to City Council on the Status the City Geographic Information System

Mark Tuescher gave a presentation on the Brigham City Geographic Information System. The report information showed how GIS can assist different departments within the City. The GIS system has the capability to maintain databases for each department in the City.

Request Approval to Start the Remodeling of the Mayor's Office Reception Area and the City Administrator's Office

Mayor Christensen said the cost is estimated at \$9,000.00. There were some questions about security vs. remodeling. The Council felt remodeling should be addressed during the upcoming budget process and that security should be considered for all the concerns in City Hall. Bruce came forward and talked about his conversations with Steve Nelson. Sharon addressed the Council and gave them her input into the issue.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Jensen to proceed with remodeling of the offices to accommodate the reorganization and in that process we take reasonable action to improve security. Furthermore, start to make a long-range plan to improve security in City Hall and have the plan in place before next year's budget is in place. Seconded by Councilmember Bell. Motion was defeated.

MOTION: Councilmember Hill made a motion that Bruce contact Chief Tittensor to see about security at the Mayor's office. No second.

MOTION: Councilmember Farr made a motion that we seek a bid to determine the cost to put a keypad on the existing door. Seconded by Councilmember Adams. Carried unanimously.

Bids to be taken by phone. Vote to be taken by phone.

Approval of a Resolution of the Brigham City Council Expressing Strong Opposition to Senate Bill 170, Land Use Amendments, and Requesting That our Senators & Representatives Vote Against this Bill

MOTION: Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve. Seconded by Councilmember Jensen. Carried unanimously.

Approval of Updated Version of Chapter 8 Employee Development of the Employee Policy and Procedure Manual

Don Tingey came forward and discussed the policy changes regarding training costs and attendance. The wording "With pre-approval of the City Administrator and Supervisor, employees may be allowed to receive reimbursement from the City for recreational activities, if such activity is part of the conference and does not directly conflict with attending the conference."

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Bell to approve the changes as amended, seconded by Councilmember Hill. Passed unanimously.

CLAIMS

Councilmember Bell moved to approve the Payment Register dated January 20, 2006 in the amount of \$2,893.00, the week ending January 24, 2006 of \$228,172.98; and week ending January 31, 2006 the amount of \$202,605.02. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion to adjourn to Executive Session was made by Councilmember Bell. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m. After the Executive Session, the Council convened in an Executive Session. The Council returned to open meeting at 11:07 p.m. and adjourned.

2006 STATE OF THE CITY

Lou Ann Christensen

February 2, 2006

As we look back on the year 2005, much has been accomplished. The City Council adopted a new brand for Brigham City which states: "Beautiful Brigham City... Your Future Is Here!"

City council members and directors have agreed to this Vision 2012 which is very proactive and aggressive. Implementing this vision has begun with all city personnel, boards, commissions and task forces being asked for their buy in over the next several months. Champions and stakeholders have been identified. Activities will begin taking place to identify objectives, prioritize goals, and determine specific action steps to implement the vision within our four focus areas. Everyone's involvement and commitment will be needed to make this happen.

For the past four years we have focused on improving four main areas which include:

- 1) Economic Development
- 2) Public Safety
- 3) Responsive Government
- 4) Quality of Life / Heritage & Culture

These areas are all reflected in our General Plan which is currently under review.

Tonight's presentation will focus on the accomplishments of 2005.

In December our Finance Director presented the annual city audit for the previous fiscal year. During his presentation he presented summaries describing the general fund revenue, general fund expenses and general fund balance. Sales tax made up 21% of the total general fund revenues. This is almost one quarter of the General Fund. This year the legislature is proposing exempting sales tax on food. Although this proposal may sound appealing to many, this exemption has profound impact on our ability to fund general fund services. The current legislative proposal may cut or limit the sales tax distribution and set a floor equal to last year's sales tax distribution and not account for any growth until July 2007.

If the sales tax on food is eliminated, this would have a \$12 million negative impact to local government statewide. This also has a potential negative impact to state and city sales tax revenue bonds. If the moratorium on the sales tax revenue bonds is passed that Senator Lyle Hillyard is proposing, UTOPIA financing will be at risk. Senator Peter Knudson is very aware of this problem and is currently working to remedy the situation at the Utah State Legislature.

It should be no surprise that public safety accounts for the largest expense for the City. Expenses related to Police, Emergency Services, Fire and Ambulance account for nearly one half of all expenditures in the General Fund. This year our community benefited greatly for their service during the preparation, response, recovery and mitigation due to the April 28th flood.

Economic Development is our number one priority and an area we have focused a majority of our efforts. Our Economic Development Director, along with the Economic Development Board, has played key roles in these accomplishments. Time won't allow us to review all aspects of this area, but let me briefly recount a few of our accomplishments.

Key economic development accomplishments include:

1. The Taxing Entity Committee approved four EDAs and one RDA project area last November. This is a great milestone in that we can now move forward with developing these areas using tax increment to help with infrastructure costs.
2. During the year we have solidified our relationship with Utah State University in establishing an Innovation Campus at the vacated K-Mart building now owned by Utah State University.
3. A corridor study on West Forest for future development has begun.
4. We have supported building efforts for the Education/Visitor Center at the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. We are looking forward to the grand opening this April.
5. The sale of property on the northwest corner of 1100 S and Main Street for new commercial development was facilitated by the City.
6. Purchase and clean up of Parson's Auto Salvage property has enabled much interest in the development of that area.
7. We continue to work toward UTOPIA beginning construction in Brigham City. If all goes well, we should see construction starting as early as this spring.
8. Other projects included the expansion and retention of existing businesses and the recruitment of new businesses.

It is exciting to see our efforts begin to pay off as development is starting to come our way.

Our relationships with our federal representatives continue to reap many benefits. Thanks to the efforts of

city staff, our Congressional delegation and lobbyist in Washington DC we received direct federal earmarks for the Bear River Access Road (\$28 million of which \$8 million is for Brigham City's portion), transit planning and commuter rail (\$225K) and wind energy (\$1 million).

A new website has been added with all departments continuing to update their information. The website address is www.brighamcity.utah.gov. Prospective businesses interested in locating in Brigham City will be able to find the information they are looking for on our website. City service information has been updated.

All of these projects have and/or will bring added value to our community, thus building our economic development base.

Brigham City's Airport is undergoing a major facelift. Phase I of a \$24 million project is underway. With the benefit of 97% federal and state funding, runways are being extended, safety areas are being expanded, storm drain systems are being installed, runway surfaces are being improved and wetland areas are being mitigated. The Brigham City Airport is an economic development engine that provides an on-ramp to air travel. As this project is completed, the airport will emerge as the desired location for future air traffic. This air traffic will serve as an economic catalyst for the City and the region for years to come.

Our second focus area centers around **public safety**. As stated earlier nearly one half of the City's general fund area goes toward public safety activities and this year we benefited greatly from their efforts.

Early in the morning on April 28th, the waters of the Box Elder Creek reached their limits and overflowed its banks. Much destruction was avoided due to pre-planning efforts such as clearing debris from Box Elder Creek. On the day of the flood nearly every City department and many volunteers assisted in the response to this event. In the days, weeks and months following countless hours were spent by those and others who responded to the recovery and mitigation efforts. Only time and Mother Nature will tell how well efforts will be in the ensuing months to come. However, we do know that we are better prepared today than we were yesterday. The City received reimbursement from FEMA of \$80K for infrastructure repairs as a result of the flood. This money could not be used for damages incurred to individual homeowners.

The number of ambulance calls continues to increase. Last year our volunteer ambulance service responded to 1,721 calls which is a 29% increase over the past three years. We have great volunteers that respond in a professional manner. These volunteers were also successful in receiving a grant to purchase automatic defibrillators which will be installed in city owned facilities. In addition, ambulance personnel will be training city staff on how to operate this equipment.

The Fire Department was also successful in writing and receiving grants. Through a \$88K Fire Grant the department purchased new bunker gear and through the FEMA grant upgraded fire apparatus and equipment. The Fire Department held a recognition dinner last fall where they recognized 472 years of individual fire fighter service within the department. We are greatly blessed to have such dedicated and responsive volunteers. Thirteen firefighters received recognition for over 25 years of service.

The Police Department continues to improve their skills and reputation within our community. This year they participated in a regional SWAT exercise, a mass destruction training event and an advanced emergency management training course. They continue to involve and train citizens. To date 96 citizens have graduated from the Police Academy and 285 citizens are now trained to be involved in the Volunteer in Police Service organization. These volunteers have been invaluable in their service during many community events such as Peach Days, Heritage Arts Festival and smaller events such as High School Football/Basketball games.

Citizen Corps has been organized and is functioning. They sold approximately 300 first aid kits and seventy-five 72 hour kits. They have also sold 125 disaster preparedness books.

The Police Department has been successful in receiving grants. The Strike Force received funding for night vision goggles and thermal imaging cameras (\$54K). A new 700 MHz mobile data network (\$128K) is for all police vehicles. This equipment will make our officers more efficient and effective in their service.

The Neighborhood Pride Council painted 4,149 curb addresses on all Brigham City homes making easier accessibility for emergency services vehicles

Responsive Government is our third focus area and one that internally we have spent a lot of time and effort improving.

Henry Ford said, *"It is not the employer who pays the wages – he only handles the money. It is the product that pays the wages."*

As a city we are reminded that our product is the service we provide to our citizens. This past year we've had an emphasis placed on customer service. Several departments have been measuring their level of service through surveys. As a city, we are continually working to improve in this area.

When revenues are limited we must look for ways we can use our resources wisely.

For three years we have implemented a performance management system that is market driven and merit based. Merit increases have recently been figured and with the approval of the Council tonight will be awarded to those employees who have earned these additional funds. Merit dollars reward employees who not only meet their goals, but actually stretch beyond the expectation.

Ambassador Awards were given this past year to two individual employees and two teams for their outstanding performance. On the Spot Award cards were given within each department to immediately recognize positive effort.

Collaboration between departments has been emphasized and close to \$400,000 has been saved due to City department's willingness to share resources including manpower and equipment and work on projects together. This savings is money we would've had to find within city departments. All of us as Brigham City citizens are benefiting through this collaboration.

In order to leverage city funds, departments have received state and local grants totaling \$9.9 million dollars. This \$9.9 million includes funds for the following projects: \$543K for emergency services equipment such as a mobile command unit, night vision goggles, thermal image cameras and a 700 mghz mobile data system; \$75,000 in a Community Development Block Grant for exterior housing rehabilitation for citizens meeting low income requirements; \$125,000 for the Communities that Care project and its associated programs; \$8.5 million for the first phases of a \$24 million airport expansion project; \$80K from FEMA for public infrastructure repairs associated with the April 28th flood; and \$500K for a Forest Street trail system to Bear River Bird Refuge enhancement project.

Thanks to the efforts of our Congressional delegation and our lobbyist the City also received federal earmark appropriations in excess of \$12 million. These appropriations are separated as follows: \$10 million for the Bear River Access Road (Brigham City's portion of a \$28 million project); \$225K for commuter rail and transit planning; \$1 million for a wind generation project; and \$1.146 million for the Academy Square project.

Brigham City Light and Power is second to none in its delivery of electricity to the citizens and business community of Brigham City. We pride our selves on our customer service response and low number of outages.

This year the circuit breakers at the East Substation were replaced. This was done in-house by our employees and was a very challenging task. Our knowledgeable linemen were up to this challenge resulting in a savings to the city of over \$55,000. The Electric Department is to be commended for their efforts.

Last year we imposed an 11% electric utility rate increase. This is the first Brigham City rate increase in ten years. A portion of this was due to the increased rates passed on to us by Utah Power and the Western Area Power Administration.

As our community grows, planning becomes an ever increasing issue. This year the Community Development Department hired two new employees which have added value to our staff. Our new city planner quickly made an impact with a successful appeal of our previously determined census figures. He was able to justify an increase of 5% in population to 18,279 Brigham City residents. This addition comes back to the city in the form of increased revenues through grants and sales taxes that are doled out based on population based formulas. In addition, his transportation background has been instrumental in transit and commuter rail planning for the City. Efforts have also been made to update our current subdivision ordinance with a recent consultant approval to begin the revision.

Our new GIS Specialist coordinated the development of a sidewalk master plan and synchronized the consolidation of department specific GIS efforts.

The Inspection Department has kept itself busy this year as numbers increased. Besides hiring and training a new building inspector, who is now completely certified, the Inspection Department completed 450 Life Safety Inspections, with the help of Emergency Services. There were 331 building permits issued totaling over \$17 million in assessed valuation. Over 450 code enforcement cases were investigated and we issued 747 business licenses.

As expressed earlier, the preparation, response, recovery and mitigation efforts have taken a full team effort. The Streets Department employees brought their equipment and resources to the aid of the City in many ways. Most notably, they coordinated the efforts of cleaning the Box Elder Creek. In doing so they saved the City over \$320,000. Even more impressive, they removed 5,746 cubic yards of debris (9,768 tons) from the Box Elder Creek and another 5,545 cubic yards of debris (9,561 tons) from the Mantua drainage system. In the meantime they were able to keep up their normal work load and assist in demolishing buildings and preparing an ADA sidewalk master plan.

Brigham City residents should take much pride in our water resources. This year we were successful in a number of projects. High quality artesian water was discovered after exploration drilling at Flat Bottom Canyon. Continuous flow rates average 250-300 gallons per minute which means that pumping equipment will not be needed. When the Intermountain well was re-screened nearly twice the flow was recognized. The Water Department was heavily utilized in the response, recovery and mitigation efforts after the April 28th flood. They coordinated the cleaning of the Mayor's Pond and the Mantua drainage canals.

A major milestone was reached this year when the final construction bonds of the Waste Treatment facility were paid. This milestone led to the reduction in sewer rates promised by the City Council. Proudly stated the Waste Treatment Plant maintained its compliance standards through out the year. Although the final bonds were paid off, continued maintenance remains essential. This year 2 drying beds were renovated and sections of sewer mains located at 300 East and 600 East along the creek were replaced due to the excess water flows which occurred on April 28th.

We all know more about Storm Drains now than we did a year ago. A recent update of the City's Capital Facilities Plan disclosed that we were behind on storm drain infrastructure improvements throughout the City. After much discussion plans to bond for \$4.5 million were approved to accomplish 8 major storm drain projects throughout the City.

Our fleet program continues to be successful. As new vehicles and equipment are purchased we continue to see decreases in repairs and maintenance lines. Since 2002 we have experienced a 7% decrease in repair costs. Certified mechanics continue to provide quality service to our departments limiting the down time to vehicles and equipment. We also recognize the fact that through increased efficiency in the operations of the fleet lease program, we were able to reduce the labor force by one full time position. These efforts have saved the tax payers thousands of dollars.

The Administration department improved their efficiency this year by providing on-line utility billing. This can be easily accessed by logging on to the City's new website and linking to On-line Billing. After a user friendly set up, customers can not only pay their bill on line, they can also view their account history on-line. Citizens can now search and read the Brigham City Code on-line as well. These improvements make us more responsive as we literally take City Hall into to our businesses and citizen's homes.

Quality of Life / Heritage / Culture is our 4th focus Area.

We appreciate the efforts of the Heritage and Cultural Arts Advisory Board as well as the Academy Steering Committee.

Quality of Life issues are the reasons why we enjoy living in Brigham City. Last fall a Cultural Arts plan was presented to the City Council by Patrick Overton from the Front Porch Institute. His evaluation focused on the national treasure we have right here in our downtown with the historical significance of the Academy Building. His presentation included a plan to capture this treasure and make it a reality.

The Wikstrom study has been completed on the economic viability of the Academy Building and surrounding area. Thanks to our Congressional delegation, we have secured \$1million in federal funds along with \$146,000 in a USDA Rural Development loan guarantee.

A community open house to familiarize our citizens with the Academy was held last spring. A meeting was held last fall negotiating with members from the San Francisco Performing Arts Library and Museum to build the Christensen brothers museum in Brigham City.

Our successful Heritage Arts Festival was held last June with an emphasis on our World War II heritage.

This year the City was successful in receiving a \$500,000 Trail Enhancement grant for the establishment of a trail along West Forest Street overpass, crossing I-15. This trail will connect Brigham City to the Bear River Bird Refuge Education Center and its miles of associated trails and will add greatly to the aesthetics and attraction to our West Forest Street corridor.

Brigham City's parks continue to receive additional improvements. Thanks to grants and local service organization's donations, John Adams Park now has a Disc Golf Course. Additional bowerys and associated improvements were made at Constitution, Watkins and the Depot parks thanks to generous donations and manual labor provided by Rotary, Lions and the Spade and Hope Garden Club.

This year Brigham City opened a new meditation garden. A columbarium, the first of many, has been placed in the garden to provide another option to respectfully inter and memorialize loved ones who have passed on.

The Recreation Department continued its successful programs this year with the assistance of a new full-time recreation coordinator. The Recreation supervisor and the full-time coordinator in collaboration with the Boys and Girl's Club have implemented the new disc golf course. The Recreation Department has also planned and coordinated multiple sporting tournaments and managed numerous adult and youth sporting programs.

Eagle Mountain Golf Course continues to be a beacon on the hill. This year it reached a milestone of its own when the one millionth round of golf was played. Our golf course is a great asset to our community as it provides a recreational opportunity for all ages – young and old.

The Brigham City municipal swimming pool is becoming more our own pool again. Building on our success, municipalities in Cache and Weber County have constructed similar pools. This situation has been a blessing and a curse. A curse because revenues have been down from previous years, but a blessing because 40% of the people coming to the pool are Brigham City residents and 17% are coming from Box Elder County.

Our historic Carnegie Library continues to provide a great service to our community. Last year's statistics show a 23% increase in utilization and a 20% increase in circulations over the past five years. This concern as well as the growth of Utah State University's Brigham City Campus has caused us to look at the feasibility of expansion of our Library facilities. As consultants research this situation we may be faced with looking at either building a new building or expanding and remodeling our existing facility. Either way our citizens continue to demand Library services. As we grow, this demand will only increase.

Our museum director and his staff continue to provide quality national, state and local exhibits. No show is less than top-notch. Among other exhibits, this year's patrons came to view a national quilt show, local high school art show, a national sculpture exhibit, and a local Shoshone art exhibit. Eliza's Attic venue was supplemented by adding a hands on interactive tool exhibit entitled "The Homestead." This exhibit allows patrons an opportunity to experience early farm life in Brigham City. A patron can now plane wood or plow a field all within the floors of the Brigham City museum. These interactive and educational exhibits are especially attractive to school groups and families. We appreciate the efforts of the Historical Preservation Committee and the Museum-Gallery Board.

Clean and attractive yards are important to the overall quality of our neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Pride Council has recognized home owners this past year for their rehabilitation efforts. We have received additional federal funding through Community Development Block Grants and local banking institutions for a total outlay of \$100,000 for low income outside home improvements. Fifteen homes have been approved for rehabilitation or are currently in process of being rehabilitated through these funds.

Bear River Association of Governments has targeted Brigham City offering low interest loans to income qualified citizens for interior home improvements. BRAG received this money from the Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund Board for the tri-county area.

In conclusion I'd like to quote Henry Ford who stated, *"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."*

As a city team, in 2005 we witnessed success. The accomplishments of last year happened as a direct result of team work expended through dedicated employees who continually give their best. The Staff has served tirelessly and gone above and beyond what is expected as we formulated our proactive efforts.

Thanks go to our 822 citizen volunteers for their concern and willingness to serve. And thanks go to our City Council Members who put forth countless hours making Brigham City the best place there is to live, work and play! 2006 will be another successful year.

Thank you!